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"I did it, I did it; I killed them all!"

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Rev. Leslie H. Patterson, who spent
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Sincerely yours,
I. L. BENNETT, Co. Supt.

SENECA ROCKS

In the haze of the horizon
Where the crested mountains of gray
Awake to breathe the freshness
Of the dawning beauties of day;
The fog is routed from his lair
By custom of ages untold;
Now hurries, scurries and dances
When the sun his streamers unfold.
In the midst of the sparkling river,
Towering to stately heights,
The mystic castles are rising
With secrets so full of delights.
They tell to the silent river
The story of Indian braves,
Who sailed to conquer the forest;
But never came back on its waves.
The braves 'round their campfire met
To tell of their heroic life,
And woo their sun-tanned lover's
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But in the silence of the night,
The waters bore them far away,
To hide forever out of sight.
The Chief of Time has closed the
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And sealed them from his treasures
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The castles now their wealth infold
Of tribal lore they will not share.
Will time these mystic doors ajar,
And bid us find a Nation's throne,
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—By Rev. E. Hampton Barnett,
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WORLD'S BIGGEST WHITE OAK IN WEST VIRGINIA

Seven centuries before Columbus
departed on his "foolhardy" cruise to
the Indies and discovered a new
world, a young white oak seedling
took root among the densely wooded
slopes of what subsequently became
Mingo county, West Virginia.

As year followed year the tree, un-
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Experienced lumbermen have declared that were the tree to be cut into lumber it would produce from 35,000 to 40,000 feet of marketable lumber with a value of \$1,400.

The tree is atop Trace mountain, just across the Logan county line.

Its first limb is approximately 80 feet from the ground, while its topmost branch is 100 feet above the surrounding trees. Its base circumference is 30 feet.

Two acres of land are being set aside by the state game, fish and forestry commission as a park, beneath the oak's spreading branches. The land has been donated for this purpose by the Island Creek Coal company, the Northeast Lumber company and Cole and Crand, interested property owners.—Charleston Mail.

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Oct. 23	Charles Town	Here.
Oct. 30	Paw Paw	There.
Nov. 7	Harrisonburg	Here.
Nov. 20	Romney	There.

HARMAN FAMILY REUNION

The Fifth Annual Reunion of the Harman family was held on August 30th, at the Old Brick Church near Maysville, making the third meeting at this place. A large crowd was in attendance.

The morning session was opened by Jason Harman, of Davis, president of the Association, who talked on the purpose of the meeting. Followed a song, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds;" Prayer, Simon Harman, leader; The Harman Family, of Harrisonburg, furnished their usual classic and entertaining numbers of music. Reading of the minutes of the last meeting was followed by messages from members who could not be there. A short address by George B. Harman completed the morning session.

Dinner was served in the grove and a general reuniting of friends until 2 o'clock.

Prof. James Harman and family, Simon Harman and sons and Harvey Harman, of the Indiana Public Service Commission, were on the afternoon program. Asa Harman and family rendered some selections.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Ellsworth Harman, of Harman, President; Lester Harman, of Kingwood, Vice President; and H. Clay Harman, of Harman, secretary. Then with a solo by Simon Harman and several numbers by the Harman minstrels, the meeting adjourned. Place of meeting for next year is yet to be decided. About 500 people were present and the day passed to become a pleasant memory.

—X.—Grant County Press.

"SINKS" ANNUAL PICNIC

The "Sinks" Annual Picnic Association will hold its annual picnic near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mc-

fowl, hundreds of deer, and, while in Colorado, a number of elk.

In his early twenties, Mr. Harper traveled to the gold-fields of California, going by vessel from New York to the Isthmus of Panama, across it by rail, and thence by ship to the California coast. Many of the most interesting narratives of his latter days dealt with this phase of his career. With a fair return for his efforts, came back within two or three years to his homeland, and not long after was united in marriage to Elizabeth Lantz, daughter of Joseph H. Lantz also of Pendleton, September 23, 1868. To this happy union, which endured for sixty-three harmonious years, were born six children—two boys and four girls. After his marriage, he removed to Indiana, where he dwelt for some time. Going alone to Colorado, he operated a saw-mill on the Gunnison River for a while but, becoming fearful of the unfriendly Indian tribes, he returned to his home in Indiana. His fears were well founded, for shortly after his departure the Indians raided the settlement he had left, massacring all the inhabitants. For a few years he remained in Indiana, then came back to Pendleton county, and thence to Randolph, where he lived for five or six years before moving to Hendrick where the final forty years of his life were spent.—Parsons Democrat.

SMOKE HOLE

Lost! - Stolen! - Strayed!

LOST! - Last Sunday, several persons from the services held here.

STOLEN - Many hours of God's Holy Day for pleasure and amusement.

STRAYED - A number of lambs from Sunday school whose parents took them off on joy-rides. Anyone assisting in recovering any of the above shall in no wise lose his reward here and hereafter.

The above notice was seen displayed on the porch of a Church in England recently and last Sunday as I looked over the number of empty seats in Sunday School and thought of the unusual attraction in a near town, we were reminded of it again.

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A BLADDER PHYSIC

Is a medicine that works on the bladder as castor oil on the bowels. Drives out impurities and excess acids that cause irritation which results in getting up nights, frequent desire, burning, leg pains and back-ache. Get a 25c test box of BUCKETS, (5 gr. Tablets) the pleasant bladder physic from any druggist. After four days if not relieved go back and get your money. You will feel better after this cleansing and you get your regular sleep.

Sold at Johnson's Drug Store.

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SPECIAL OFFER TO STUDENTS

We will give special prices on
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town to attend school. See us
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We have a few special bargains
used cars remaining from our
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at special low price sale offer.

FRANKLIN MOTOR COMPANY
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PAGE THREE

SENECA ROCKS.

(By Grace Yoke White, Shepherdstown, W. Va.)

Old Seneca stands like a great gray Hall,
With steeples and turrets and gables of granite,
It stands majestic, gigantic and tall,
In the snows of winter and the breezes of spring.

Seneca Rocks was the home of Giants old
Who carved the peaks of Old Spruce Knob,
They lived and wrought in their fortress bold,
Now their Spirit keeps watch at the twilight hour.

I heard the Spirit in the rustle of trees,
As the sunset gilded the tallest turret,
The Spirit whispered through the summer breeze,
"I still stand guard for my mountain people."

What a heritage to dwell where Old Seneca stands
And towers aloft, a rock-ribbed height,
It stands to guard from all alien hands
The verdant hills and the peaceful vales.

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ISAAC BENNETT SHOOTS SELF

Isaac Bennett, 50, died Monday evening about 7 o'clock near his home on Timber Ridge, about three miles west of Circleville, as the result of a self inflicted gunshot wound.

Mr. Bennett, who was an industrious and highly respected citizen, had been acting queerly for some time and on the evening of the tragedy had gone out in the lot above the barn with his little 5-year-old son who was sent back to the house and in a few minutes the discharge of the gun was heard and when his wife hurried to the spot found that the load of shot from a high powered shell had entered the chest just above the heart and made a large wound where it came out about six inches below.

He lived for two hours, was entirely conscious, and told his wife not to grieve, that he wished to die; that he hoped that she and their son would get along well and live good lives, and hoped that God would forgive him for what he had done.

From the nature and location of wounds, it is thought that he held the gun above his head with the muzzle resting on his chest and fired it by drawing the trigger over an apple sprout on a tree under which he was found.

He is survived by three brothers and one sister: Jesse, who lives near the parental home; Preston, of Brood; Green, of Teterton, and Mrs. Rosser Waggy, of Creek. He was a son of the late R. Dice Bennett.

Funeral services were conducted at the old Bennett home in Timber Ridge by Rev. Forrest Racey, pastor United Brethren Church.

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BEAUTY SHOP SPECIAL

Shampoo, Wave and Manicure
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A CORRECTION

I wish to make a few corrections in a statement which was published in last week's paper concerning the death of Isaac Bennett.

Instead of him being 50 years old, he was 45 years old, and died on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock instead of Monday evening. I wasn't there at the time of the tragedy but talked to his wife soon afterwards, and if she told me the truth he didn't say he wished to die.

After hearing the discharge of the gun she ran to where he was and asked him what he had done. He answered that he didn't know. He told her and their little son not to grieve after him and to be good. He also asked God to forgive him.

About him acting queerly for some time, I heard nothing about it, except about a week before his death, and this we have reasons for. This happened at Edward Kline's, Circleville, and I am real sure Mr. Kline will tell the facts about him there.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Betty Vandevander before marriage, and one son, Elmer, his mother, Mrs. Dice Bennett, three brothers and four sisters, Jesse, of Circleville; Green, of Teterton; Preston, of Brood; Mrs. Lee Bennett, of Whitmer; Mrs. Joseph Vint, Circleville; Mrs. Rosser Waggy, Ruddle; Mrs. Will Hedrick, Riverton.

Now, in a case of this kind I don't think anyone should publish anything about it only just facts, and the party that did was misinformed or did quite a lot of guessing. If anyone could tell me any real facts about the tragedy that would lead me in the light of it, I would be glad to know.

His brother,
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Mr. Dice Simmons and daughter Geneva, of Williamsburg, and Harry Simmons, of Frankford, W. Va., spent the week-end here with relatives. They were accompanied by Miss Ida Rexrode who spent several months visiting in Greenbrier county.

Mr. and Mrs. Asby Judy and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sinnott spent Sunday at Floyd Rexrode's.

Miss Theta Judy accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lorenza Lambert and son to the Valley of Virginia where they visited friends and relatives over the week-end.

Divine service was held at Mt. Olive church Sunday morning by Rev. P. E. Lautenschlager, with a large attendance.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Simmons Sunday were Dice Simmons, daughter Geneva, Harry Simmons, Bruce Dolly, Kenny Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Simmons, son Edwin, Mrs. Ervin Hammer

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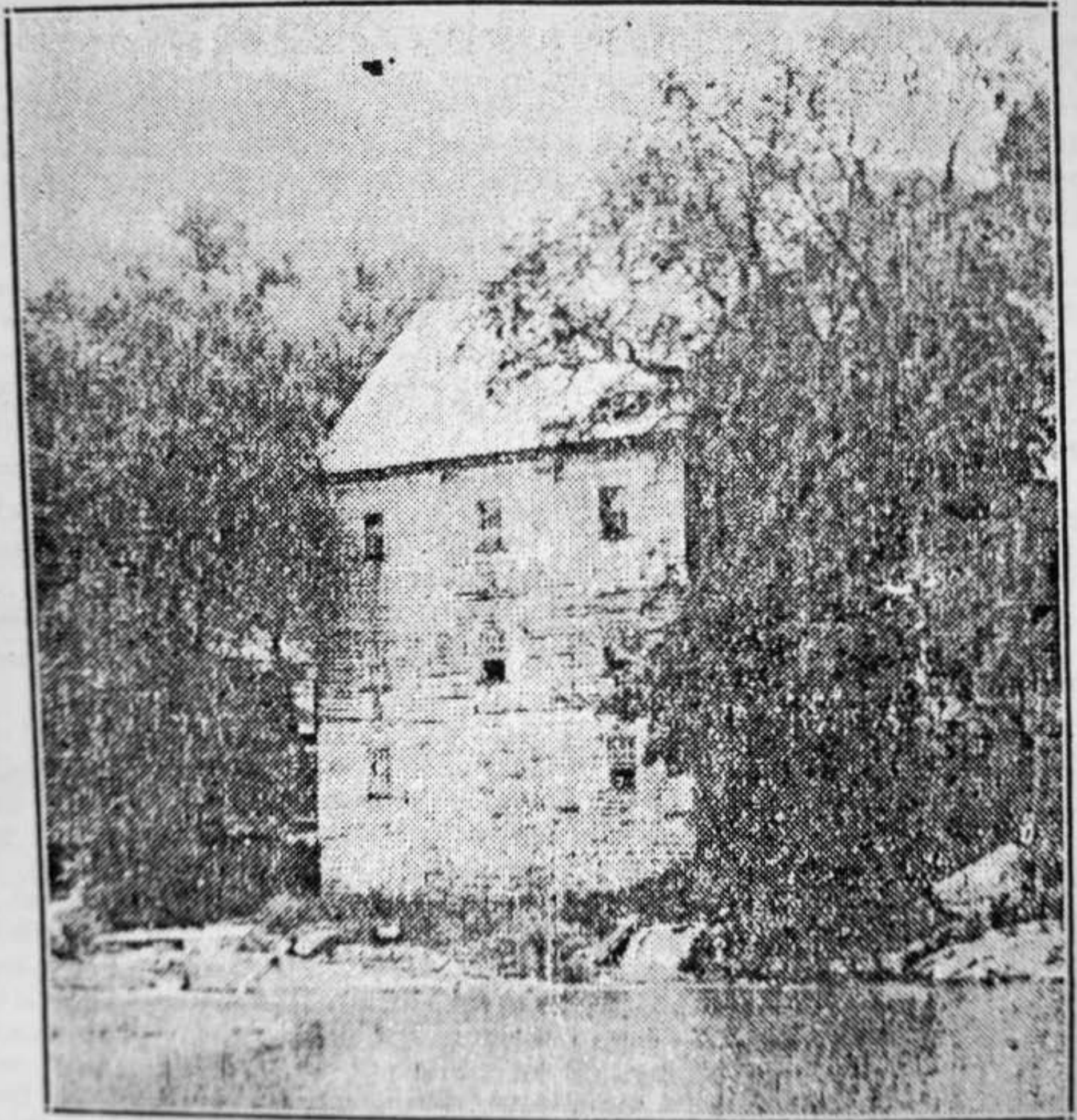
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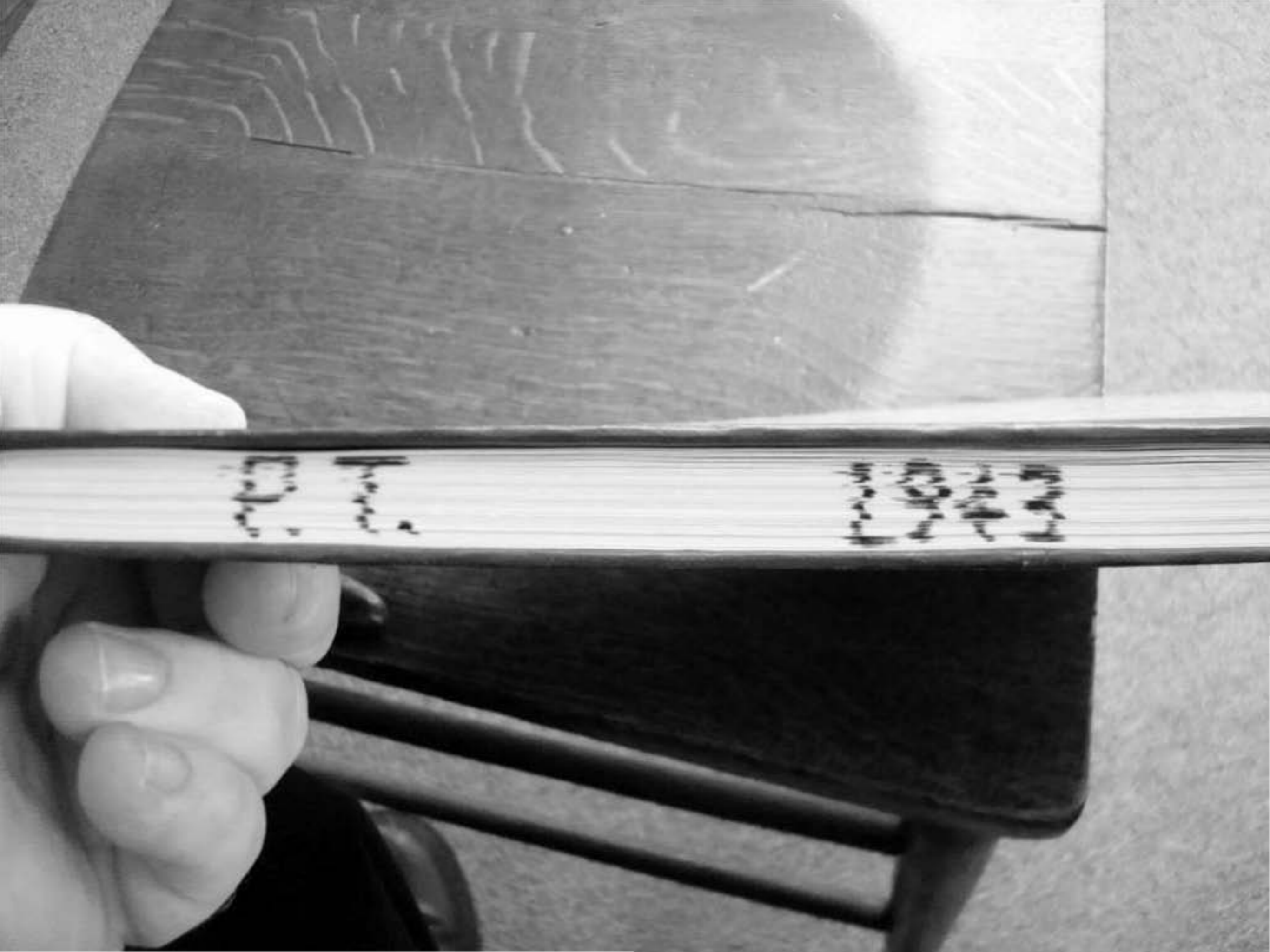
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COUNTY CAN SAVE STEEL FOR 882 MACHINE GUNS

Housewives Are Urged To Buy Fresh Foods To Conserve Can-Metal For War

Pendleton County housewives can save enough steel for 882 machine guns simply by replacing one can of fruits or vegetables a week during the coming year with fresh or home-packed produce, a leading food distributor estimated.

"This substitution, urged by the War Production Board, will not only save steel but also conserve food by using extra supplies of fresh produce made available by increased production, canning restrictions and reduced storage facilities," according to Earl R. French, marketing director of A & P's produce-buying affiliate, the Atlantic Commission Company.

A number two "tin" ~~can averages~~ .235 pounds of steel plus a small amount of tin, and a single family can save 12.2 pounds of steel in a year by the can-a-week reduction, French said. Thus Pendleton County's 2,581 families can save 30,878 pounds of steel, enough to make 882 thirty-caliber machine guns, each

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Courtesy of Los Angeles Examiner

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"Reduced buying of canned pro-
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fresh fruits and vegetables to con-
sumers through the Atlantic Com-
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than in 1940 and an all time high
record," French said.

The program would save 5,896,-
291 pounds of steel if carried out by
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BRANDYWINE

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mons and Albert Joseph y to Baltimore where they yment.

S. Taylor has gone to a with his son Byron construction work.

D. Bolton has returned training at Camp Lee. to a heart condition he mably discharged from

Brethren Parsonage by Rev. Lee E. Sheaffer, on Saturday, January 16, 1943.

The bridal couple plan to make their home in the Reed's Creek Community.

DESPERADO CAPTURED

Tuesday evening Jan. 19, 1943, Sheriff W. A. Propst was again tipped off by the good law abiding citizens of the Smoke Holes that Geo. Shaw who had broken jail at Franklin, was at large in that vicinity.

Sheriff Propst upon getting this information immediately secured a posse consisting of Squire Dewey H. Moyers, Edgar Crigler Junior Kee, Pendleton B. Kiser, and Adam Landis and started after the desperado.

The searching party arrived in the Smoke Holes about 10 o'clock p. m., and after proceeding to the barn of Amby Helmick's, where the desperado was last seen, after searching the barn found Shaw was gone. The posse was welcomed into the home of Amby Helmick's to warm and after securing more information started again for the home of Mrs. Annie Kimble. Upon arriving at the Kimble home Sheriff Propst and Spuire Moyers entered the house and proceeded to search the house, after searching all but one room which was locked. Mr. Victor Kimble said that they had lost the key to the door. Junior Kee who had by this time climbed to the window on the opposite side of the house and using his flash light called to sheriff Propst and Squire Moyers that the key was in the lock on the inside of the door. The word was given to open the door and come out or the door would be broken down. Then Shaw came out begging not to be shot, and he and Victor Kimble were put under arrest and brought in to the jail at Franklin.

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fman, Ralph Wimer, Samuel Tho- son, Jr., Glennie Vandevander, A Vandevander, Mike Judy, Ju Warner, William Wimer, Wood Johnston, Melvin Hinkle, Go Bodkin, William Vance, and T Warner.

A third son of Mrs. Edith F Perrysburg, Ohio, will be indr into service, when her son, leaves Jan. 18. Mrs. Finch al had two sons in the armed fo Pvt. Robert Finch is now in Pickett, Va., after being on n evers in California for several w Staff Sgt. Merlin Finch, a bo lier, is recuperating at Alamo Air Base, New Mexico, after wounded during a bombing ra th Solomons Islands. He also in active service in the Aleutic Mrs. Finch and her family w remembered by many friends as she has spent several weeks ing the past summer visiting home of her daughter and law Mr. and Mrs. Granville H at Macksville.

Dear Editor:

I want to thank all the frie Pendleton county for the Christmas cards I received, an for the nice presents I got, al I have not received them yet.

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Well I must close, my addr Pvt. Michael G. Bowers, A. 35380407 489th Arm'd F. Ser. Btry APO Box 257 Camp Bell, Va.

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GAS RATIONING BRINGS TRAFFIC DECLINE

The heaviest traffic volume decline in the state's history was recorded by the State Road Commission last month, as West Virginia first felt the effects of statewide gasoline rationing, Road Commissioner Ernest L. Bailey reported last week. Traffic was 58.4 per cent below December, 1941, on a statewide average.

Traffic declined heavily on every key highway surveyed and more than 50 per cent on all but two of them, with a startling 69.7 per cent drop recorded on U. S. 60 east of Charleston, as only 85,994 vehicles used the road which had been traversed by 283,681 during December, 1941. Other heavy declines were noted on U. S. 50 near Grafton, 60.6 per cent; U. S. 19-21 near Beckley, 59.6 per cent; U. S. 21 near Parkersburg 58.5 per cent; and U. S. 19 near Sutton, 55.7 per cent.

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Only 317,967 vehicles traversed the roads which were counted, as compared to 763,933 on the same roads in December, 1941.

Commission officials stated that the precipitate decline, 20 per cent in thirty days, was probably partly due to heavy snows and high water, combined with gasoline rationing, but that the volume for January would be off about the same percentage because of the recent OPA "no pleasure driving" regulation.

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Pendleton Included In Rationing Area; No Pleasure Driving

Charleston, Feb. 9—Ending a five-day period of uncertainty, West Virginians learned definitely today that forty-seven Western counties would be outside the Eastern seaboard gasoline rationing zone at midnight.

The Office of Price Administration relayed the order from Washington to its Charleston office after a recommendation had been received from the office of Fuel Administrator Ickes.

It meant that ration coupons would again be worth four gallons that the ban on pleasure driving would be lifted and that traveling salesmen would be allowed the same amounts of gasoline as in western states—all in effect at midnight Feb. 9th.

The eight Eastern Panhandle counties remained in the seaboard zone.

The Western section of the state had been placed in the Eastern zone last December 1, after having once been removed. Protests were filed by the states congressional delegation, by Governor M. M. Neely, by State OPA Director Carl M. Frasure and by business groups upon numerous occasions.

The fuel administrator's office in announcing its recommendation yesterday said its approval should be considered as "temporary" because of an expected shortage of motor fuel.

TO WHOM DOES PALESTINE

ARE HEARD

Funeral services for T. Barger, well known Su- resident, who died Thu- 28, on his 78th birthday, Saturday afternoon by Rev. Schultz, of the church.

Mr. Puffenbarger had long and faithful mem- Lutheran Church.

Besides his wife, who Jane Simmons, he is s- one son and seven dau- former marriage to the Frances Wilfong, who p- in death 36 years ago. half sister, Mrs. Mary E. Grove.

Children surviving are Puffenbarger, of Bridgewat- J. F. Teter, of Ft. Se- George Taylor, of Bran- Hugh Mitchell, of Sugar- Harold Early, of Rock- Mrs. J. E. Smith, of E- Va. Mrs. E. A. Beckett, ton, D. C., Mrs. A. D. R- Chappaqua, N. Y., an- children and two great- ren.

Flowerbearers were ters Margene, Anna Gae- line Mitchell, Mary Alf- Elizabeth Puffenbarger, Shirley Nell Smith,

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—Clarksburg Exponent.

NORTH FORK 3-C SITE LEASED TO RAISE CHICKENS

The increasing importance of the
chicken raising industry in our re-
gion was further indicated this week
in the announcement that, in charge
of Dr. J. B. Grove and W. T.
Moomau, arrangements have been
made for large scale chicken produc-
tion at the former CCC camp along
the North Fork road some thirteen
miles from Petersburg.

Rented from the Forestry service
the nine buildings with space de-
manding the use of almost fifty
stoves, will afford facilities for a
capacity of about eighteen thousand
chickens three times a year. This
large project, we have been informed
will commence operations shortly
after March 1 when the carpenters
now engaged, Roy Michael and Olie
Hawk, of Scherr, will have complet-
ed necessary installations.

Former Camp White, near Onego,
in Pendleton County, we have learn-
ed, is likewise being prepared for
similar chicken production under
management of H. E. Hutter of
Moorefield, and Sheriff Melvin C.
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This action was taken in order to give the school pupils more time at home of evenings.

Sincerely submitted,
I. L. Bennett, Secretary
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WALNUT SHELLS NEEDED FOR GAS MASKS

The great need for walnut shells used in the manufacture of activated charcoal for gas masks has been stressed by the E. D. Acker Nut Co., of Broadway, and because of this need a higher price has been offered for the shells. Shells from the black walnut are the most valuable, but shells from other nuts are usable. When the Philipuines were captured by the Japs and our largest supply of cocoa nut shells were cut off, it was necessary to resort to shells produced in our own country.

Trucks for the purpose of collecting shells will stop at the various centers as advertised elsewhere in the paper.

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Department Saturday by his father.

PENDLETON SOLDIERS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Augusta men, of which Pendleton Co. was then a part; helped to win brilliant victories among which were Stony Point and Cowpens, also volunteers under Captain Tate marched to the support of General Green in 1781 and took part in the battle of Guilford where they did a large part in inflicting upon Cornwallis a crushing defeat. Here he lost a third of his men and had to retreat in haste. This result proved the way for his final capture at Yorktown.

The companies raised in this territory were expert riflemen and each furnished himself with a good rifle, if he had one, otherwise with a common fire lock, bayonet, pouch or cartouch box and three charges of powder and ball. On affidavit that he could not supply himself he was supplied at public expense.

For furnishing his own equipment he was allowed \$3.33 per year and his daily pay was 21 cents out of which he was to buy his hunting shirt, a pair of leggings and a binding for his hat.—XX

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"The Old Man of the Mountains" tells me that his friend and my friend are one among the few that are left of the boys that wore the blue "Job Davis formerly of here and now of Tucker and who was a member of my grandfather, Capt. Boggs' Company came very near being shot at Harper's Mill, now Riverton, two bullets passed thru his coat in a skirmish during the Civil War and again they were in a battle in the Germany Valley in which a number of the enemy fell. He also tells me Mr. Davis cast his first vote at Mouth of Seneca for President A. Lincoln. Quite an honor I should say Mr. Davis to vote for a man of President Lincoln's type and calibre and congratulations.

He also tells me (but I already knew it) that Mouth of Seneca P. O. is much older than the State and was first located where S. C. Hedrick now lives and the first Post Master was Aaron Kee Boggs. So you can see these derved windy Boggs' have been hanging around these parts of the Lord's vinyard for quite a spell.

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U. S. TROOPS MAY RECEIVE TRAINING AS MOUNTAIN FIGHTERS IN MANEUVERS HERE

RUGGED TERRAIN IS IDEAL FOR TRAINING

Government Assures Land Owners Payment For Damages

Because the terrain features of Pendleton and adjacent counties closely approximate those found in actual battle areas overseas, this area is expected to soon become the scene of large scale maneuvers for teaching U. S. soldiers the art of mountain fighting.

The maneuvers will cover the five county area of Pendleton, Grant, Preston, Tucker, and Randolph with the center of operations yet to be determined. Army officials who have been inspecting the ground and making arrangements for the maneuvers termed this section, made up of rugged mountain areas of the Alleghenies with high peaks and broad elevated plains such as Spruce Knob, the Roaring Plains and the Smoke Hole as "ideal for the kind of training indicated.

Large Scale Operations Expected

Although no official announcement has been made regarding the actual number of troops involved or the amount of equipment to be used, indications have if that actual battle conditions will be simulated in every detail. If this proves to be the case, airplanes will be employed, together with tanks, mountain artillery and types of equip-

INDUCTEES LEAVING FOR SERVICE

The following inductees will leave Tuesday, June 29 for service.

Army

Sheldon D. Kimble
Marvin J. Self
Mason E. Bennett
Daniel Bowers
Cletus W. Vandevander
Sylvanus P. Vandevander
Marion V. Wimer
Carl R. Vance
David P. Smith
Virgil L. Ruddle

Navy

Herman S. Simmons
Paul Johnson McLaughlin
John Merrell Cook
Carl William Eye
Junius Clarence Hammer

W. VA. AIRPORTS WILL BE IMPROVED

WASHINGTON —Rep. Hubert Ellis (R-WVa) said he was informed that the War Department had approved a \$600,000 allocation for developing the landing area of the Parkersburg airport.

Ellis added that he was told that "steps would be taken immediately on a contract basis," so that the project may start as soon as possible.

He reported that the field has been advanced from a class three to class four rating, and added that the runways will be lengthened to 5,000 feet or over. More than

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Although no official announcement has been made regarding the actual number of troops involved or the amount of equipment to be used, indications have it that actual battle conditions will be simulated in every detail. If this proves to be the case, airplanes will be employed, together with tanks, mountain artillery and types of equipment peculiar to mountain warfare.

According to unofficial reports about two divisions, or some 25,000 men, will receive training for a period of about thirty day immediately preceding their embarkation to foreign battle fronts. It is understood that no permanent barracks or other installations will be built, but that the troops will rough it, carrying their own provisions and living in tents.

It is expected in some quarters that the maneuvers will open about July 1.

Land Owners Notified

Cards are being mailed to all real estate owners in this area whose land may be affected by the operations, requesting their consent for the maneuvers to be conducted on their property. These requests are made with the understanding that any damage is done to any property, the property owner affected should immediately notify either the County Agent or the Claims Officer located at Elkins, and the damage will be promptly appraised and full re-

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W. VA. AIRPORTS WILL BE IMPROVED

WASHINGTON —Rep. Hubert Ellis (R-WVa) said he was informed that the War Department had approved a \$600,000 allocation for developing the landing area of the Parkersburg airport.

Ellis added that he was told that "steps would be taken immediately on a contract basis," so that the project may start as soon as possible.

He reported that the field has been advanced from a class three to class four rating, and added that the runways will be lengthened to 5,000 feet or over. More than \$1,500,000 has been spent on the field since August, 1940.

At the same time, Rep. Jennings Randolph (D-WVa) announced that the Civil Aeronautics Administration would undertake immediately the development of airports at Martinsburg, and Wiley Ford.

Randolph said the airport approval board had approved CAA allotments of \$300,000 for Wiley Ford, which is known as the Cumberland, Md., airport.

BYRD — DICE

Brandywine, W. Va.—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dice announce the marriage of their daughter Doris Louise to Ernest Lee Byrd, of Junior, W. Va. The marriage took place in the Church of the Brethren at Junior, on the evening of June 14th, with the pastor, Rev. Robert L. Byrd officiating. The double-ring ceremony was used.

To be married the bride wore a light blue suit with white accessories and a corsage of red roses. The attendants were, Mrs. Doris Byrd, mother of the bridegroom and Paul

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war, Thelma Anderson; songs Is
Everybody Happy, and Upward
Trail.

Reporter, Emma Evick.

Careless matches aid the Axis



PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

V TELEPHONE DIRECTORY FOR FRANKLIN

Franklin telephone users will find a war-time safety reminder on the front cover of the new issue of the telephone directory, 125 copies of which are now being delivered to subscribers in this area, according to a statement made by R. A. Mall, manager of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Washington.

The reminder asks: Please do not make telephone calls during or immediately after an air raid alarm. It is essential that the lines be kept free for use by Defense Authorities. If your telephone rings how- ever, answer it promptly."

This directory contains the list of subscribers at Belington and Lees as well as connecting communities subscribers at Huttonsville and Norton.

The cooperation of telephone subscribers in not making unnecessary calls to "Information" will result in improvements in service and will help conserve scarce and critical materials. Make certain the number you want is not in your telephone directory before calling "Information." More than half of the calls now received by "Information" are for numbers which could be found in the directory. If these unnecessary calls were eliminated, many of the "Information" operators could devote their time to handling the huge volume of war calls.

Because of the many new telephone numbers since the last directory was released, Mr. Mall emphasized the importance of consulting the new directory before calling.

It is also suggested that subscribers review their personal telephone number lists with those in

V-MAIL HAS PRIORITY RATING

"V-Mail goes through before anything else that the Post Offices handle for the Armed Forces overseas," according to Navy officials who are campaigning for greater use of this means of correspondence.

Because the transportation problem is crucial one, the prompt delivery of ordinary and air mail overseas is becoming more and more difficult. V-Mail represents a saving of 98 per cent in cargo space.

V-Mail has every advantage. The folders are free at any Post Office. It is easy to write on, easy to address. It takes only an Ordinary 3-cent stamp. It is as fast as No. 1 priority can make it. And it is sure.

"Ship sinking by the enemy account for much of the lost mail," says a Post Office Department bulletin. "But if a roll of V-Mail is lost enroute to its destination, another roll can be reproduced and forwarded."

If V-Mail were not used, "one official pointed out, "all mail to the Armed Forces might be limited. But if V-Mail is used altogether by letter writers, more and more messages will reach the men at the fronts."

There has recently been established a special Navy Postal Section under the Vice Chief of Naval Operations (Director of Naval Communications) to handle all complaints concerning mail delivery in the Navy.

That office has announced that it is particularly desirous of receiving evidence of improper mail service.

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ELKINS, W. Va.—One fourth of
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be forwarded to the counties in
which the Forest is located. This
announcement was made by Arthur
A. Wood, Forest Supervisor.

National Forest receipts are der-
ived from the sale of timber, forest
products, grazing, and from leases.
The proportionate share of the re-
ceipts is distributed to each county
on the basis of the area of National
Forest land. These funds, which are
in lieu of taxes, are "ear-marked for
school" and road purposes. The
amount each county will receive is
as follows:

Grant \$110.95; Greenbrier 776.39;
Nicholas 184.08; Pendleton 472.91;
Pocahontas 2,174.74; Preston 30.57;
Randolph 1,330.24; Tucker 736.09;
Webster 508.29.

THOUSANDS SEE BLAZE

DAMAGE CHEMICAL PLANT

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DOLLY SODS NOW OPEN FOR HUCKLEBERRY PICKING

The Dolly Sods area is now open for huckleberry picking. Army maneuvers are not expected to interfere in this area before the huckleberry season is over. If it develops later that the Army will need the area suitable notice will be given.

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Cooperation And Aid Of All
Citizens Desired

Civilian defense groups in nine eastern West Virginia cities are setting up the state's first recreational program for U. S. army troops who are expected to use the Monongahelia national forest for maneuver grounds this summer.

Representatives of the different local organizations, have met to form plans whereby forms of additional entertainment, and recreation will be available to the boys on maneuvers in ours, and surrounding counties when off duty and visiting in our town.

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A number of showers have been installed in the Fire House which will be open for their use at any time. The basement of the Presbyterian Church will be fitted up for a recreational center, and the Storage Room at Sites' Chevrolet Garage has been designated as Service Men's Center.

The people of Franklin consider it a privilege to have the soldiers with us, and hope they will feel free to take advantage of the centers open for their recreation. The Churches welcome them to all services and we trust they will enjoy their visits to our town.

Letters To Servicemen

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lawrence accompanied by Mrs. Ora Raines of Riverton and Wm. Wood of Cumberland were visiting friends here Sunday evening.

A large contingent of army boys have passed through here last week and this week getting ready for maneuvers. We have a small group of about 200 camping near us on the North Fork and we are expecting large additions every day.

—Yours Katinka



ING MANEUVERS

...local farmers see a prospective market for vegetables and other farm produce, alert soft drink dealers and restaurant proprietors are securring around trying to get their supply allotments increased to care for an expected influx of soldiers.

A word of caution against over-optimism perhaps is in order. The chances of a Klondike-like boom time in all the communities of the Maneuver Area are slender. First of all, the soldiers are in the area for a serious purpose. They are here for combat training, most of which will be conducted in the more sparsely settled sections of the area. After a day's hard work in the field, many of them will not feel up to a long hike to town. Besides, only a limited number from each unit will be permitted to leave the bivouac area each evening. The army will have information on the capacity of each town in the area and will try to keep from overcrowding them.

The behavior of the soldiers may be expected to be that of normal American youths—which they are—given a brief liberty period after strenuous training under rigid discipline.

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